

# Order

Michigan Supreme Court  
Lansing, Michigan

October 28, 2015

Robert P. Young, Jr.,  
Chief Justice

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PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN,  
Plaintiff-Appellee,

v

SC: 149104  
COA: 319918  
Kent CC: 12-005737-FC

REDERICK LOUIS MELTON,  
Defendant-Appellant.

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By order of September 29, 2014, the application for leave to appeal the March 3, 2014 order of the Court of Appeals was held in abeyance pending the decision in *People v Lockridge* (Docket No. 149073). On order of the Court, the case having been decided on July 29, 2015, 498 Mich 358 (2015), the application is again considered. Pursuant to MCR 7.305(H)(1), in lieu of granting leave to appeal, we REMAND this case to the Kent Circuit Court to determine whether the court would have imposed a materially different sentence under the sentencing procedure described in *Lockridge*. On remand, the trial court shall follow the procedure described in Part VI of our opinion. If the trial court determines that it would have imposed the same sentence absent the unconstitutional constraint on its discretion, it may reaffirm the original sentence. If, however, the trial court determines that it would not have imposed the same sentence absent the unconstitutional constraint on its discretion, it shall resentence the defendant. In all other respects, leave to appeal is DENIED, because we are not persuaded that the remaining questions presented should be reviewed by this Court.

We do not retain jurisdiction.



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I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

October 28, 2015

  
Clerk